

# Baden Pilot Project

## Connecting People to Prairies

### Possible Project Activities

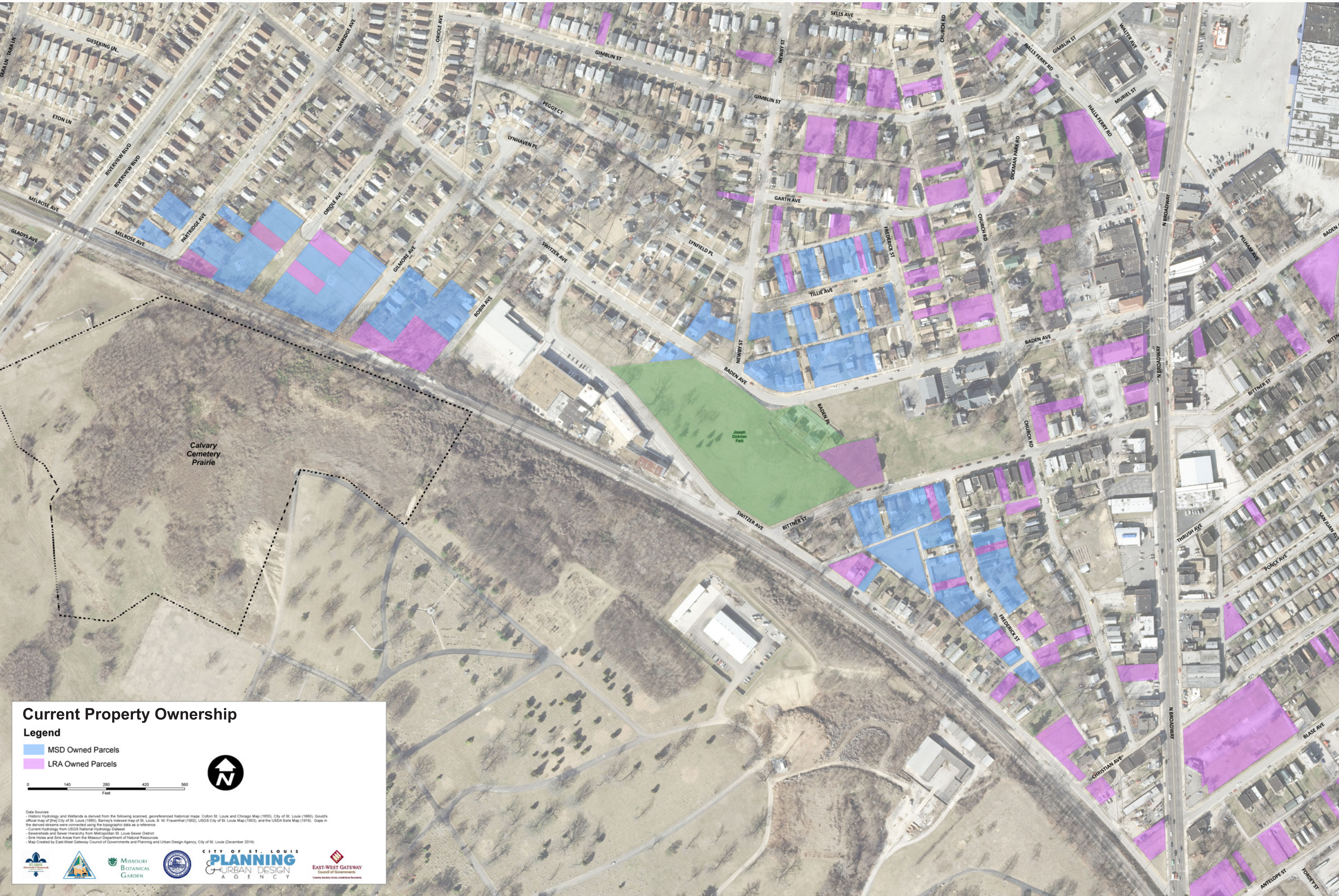
#### Habitat & Green Infrastructure Improvements

- **Create a network of ecologically-significant open space** areas by establishing butterfly gardens, native grasses and showy plants on green infrastructure and vacant parcel sites to complement the biodiversity within Calvary Cemetery Prairie and to enhance neighborhood character.
- **Eliminate exotic and invasive plants** within the project site and along the adjacent railroad corridor through active plant and tree management.
- **Establish native plants and trees to prevent erosion and improve infiltration** in order to enhance the performance of green infrastructure and help reduce flood events and basement backups.
- **Create amenities that support an active, healthy lifestyle** such as walking trails, fitness stations and/or community gardens.

#### Citizen & Youth Engagement Opportunities

- **Engage neighborhood youth** through after-school programs, school partnerships and/or jobs where they learn about the importance of stormwater management and native landscapes, develop valuable skills and build a sense of pride about their community.
- **Conduct outreach and education** in partnership with neighborhood groups to showcase the important roles of green infrastructure and urban nature in St. Louis, and to engage neighborhood residents in envisioning and implementing project components.
- **Offer programs that support an active, healthy lifestyle** through outdoor recreation, physical fitness and/or healthy eating.

Connecting one of the City’s most unique ecological assets to the surrounding community with pollinator-friendly open spaces, green infrastructure and citizen and youth engagement



### Possible City-Wide Applications

**Enhance future green infrastructure projects** and planning in the City through partnerships, site designs, landscape plans and other lessons established through the Baden Pilot Project.

**Establish invasive and exotic species management plans for other properties in the city**, potentially including additional railroad corridors, greenways and trails, other City parks and highway berms.

**Utilize materials, processes and partnership models** created through the pilot project in other City of St. Louis community engagement efforts related to urban nature.

**Create a city- or region-wide youth conservation corps** through partnerships with a coalition of interested organizations and agencies.

